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Paul F. Kavanaugh, Colonel, C.E.
Department of the Army
Sacramento District, Corps of Engineers
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Colonel Kavanaugh:

Public notice No. 7651 pertaining to Great Salt Lake Minerals and Chemical Corporation expansion was revised in concert with the Utah State Department of Natural Resources and Energy, and its Divisions of Wildlife Resources, Water Resources, Water Rights, State Lands, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The revision alleviates most concerns expressed by the public, environmental groups, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

We recognize there will be a loss of wildlife habitat and public use within the confines of the proposed expansion. However, this loss will be offset by:

1. A proposed development of a managed reservoir to provide a more stable water regime designed to enhance the remaining aquatic habitat.
2. Acquisition, development and management of wetlands adjacent to the proposed expansion.

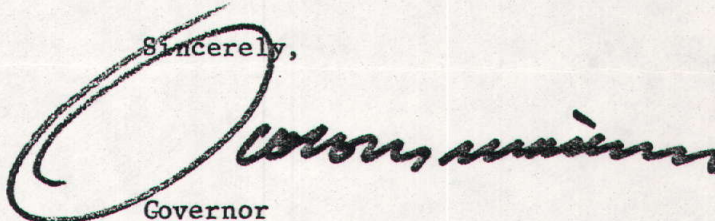
The proposed reservoir development and management are designed primarily to benefit wildlife and secondarily to provide a more consistent access for hunters into remaining portions of Bear River Bay. Included were hydrological studies to provide data as to how the reservoir can be managed to avoid impact on Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. The reservoir will be manipulated under the Direction of the Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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The acquired marsh habitat amounting to over 4,000 acres will provide nesting and rearing habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl. It again will be managed by the Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources. Hunting and bird watching will be provided during authorized periods.

We believe these revisions will satisfy the concerns expressed regarding the expansion program proposed by Great Salt Minerals and Chemicals Corporation. I, therefore, recommend issuance of a permit for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Governor

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